

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Acting Chairman Dennis Drake at 4:00 p.m. on September 17, 2013, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Acting Chairman Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan D. Gardner, Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Chairman Eardley was excused.

Commissioner Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for September 4, 2013, through September 17, 2013
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2013
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement:
Kenneth and Jennifer Long, S/N V-2-1-21-2012; Nena Cox, A/N 0332307; Ray Smith, S/N H-SCAN-1-94; Mary Jeane Smith, S/N SG-PDES-1-3; Alan Ragozzine, S/N H-324-B; Leon and Mary Hamilton, S/N H-SRTH-E-18-RD; Marsha Navar, S/N SG-SCF-7-706; William and Ruth Bandle, A/N 0416969; Wilma Beeler, A/N 0280662; Robert Brewster, S/N W-LJH-2-9; Robert and Marsha Goodwin, S/N NH-3-8-22-4203; Ben and Annette Marler, S/N SG-RVC-3-16; Clifford Rosenkilde, S/N LV-VVE-6

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake and Gardner voting aye.**

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: SHERIFF CORY PULSIPHER

Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher presented the recap of Search and Rescue call-outs since last month:

- Lost hiker, Snow Canyon State Park, twenty-six (26) man hours;
- Lost hikers, Snow Canyon State Park, fourteen (14) man hours;
- Stranded motorist, Toquerville Falls area, eight (8) man hours;
- Stranded motorist, Danish Ranch Road, twenty (20) man hours.

PRESENTATION: DIXIE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT / TERRI KANE

Ron Metcalf, Chairman of the Governing Board of Dixie Regional Medical Center (DRMC), discussed the role of DRMC in Washington County. He reported that total charity care contributed by DRMC in 2012 was \$23,275,308. Admissions, inpatient and outpatient surgeries, ER visits, births, and various procedures have all increased over the previous year. DRMC has received many awards and recognitions (a brochure is attached to these minutes, listing the awards).

Terri Kane, CEO/Administrator of DRMC, introduced Terry Draper (Communications Director for the Region) and Steve Ence (Regional Chief Finance Officer). Ms. Kane said that Intermountain Health Care (IHC) has made a long-term commitment to the community to improve and expand its medical services. For example, two (2) neurosurgeons will have been added by the end of the year, along with expensive equipment to supplement their practice. Brain trauma care will be handled here in St. George rather than life-flighting patients to Las Vegas or Salt Lake City. Infertility treatment is being added, along with pediatric oncology and gene sequencing services.

Commissioner Drake asked about the drop in volunteer hours, and Ms. Kane said that the government does not allow volunteers to perform any function that a paid employee can perform, so the numbers of volunteers and the hours they donate have decreased since last year.

PURCHASE REQUEST(S): TREVOR COOMBS

- Public Works Department, two (2) vehicles \$ 68,651.84

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Request(s), as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake and Gardner voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gardner mentioned that he spent several days in Washington, D.C. recently to attend the "PILT Fly-In," which is an event sponsored by the National Association of Counties. Thirteen (13) states were represented by about twenty (20) commissioners, who met with several legislators to lobby for the continued funding of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead reported on various projects on which the Road Department is currently working:

- Work is ongoing in conjunction with UDOT on the Southern Parkway project
- The frontage road off of Washington Fields Dam Road is going to be connected to the Southern Parkway, but surveying work has been delayed due to recent rain
- U. S. Fish & Wildlife is still causing delays on river projects
- Damages sustained by Washington County due to recent flooding have been relatively minor

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS:

Review of Actions Taken by the Washington County Planning Commission on September 10, 2013:

- Conditional Use Permit: Request for Gooseberry Mesa Yurts. Parcel 2163-C-NP-HV, zoned OST-20, Gooseberry Mesa LLC/Kenny Jones, applicants. (*This item was tabled.*)
- Public Hearing: Zone Change Request – Re-zone a 1.21 acre portion of Parcel D-4-A-NW from A-20 to C-3; Matthew and Paige Gray, applicants. (*Unanimously recommended approval.*)
- Public Hearing: Ordinance Amendments - Review of proposed changes to the Washington County Land Use Ordinances permitting campgrounds in additional zones; clarifying time limitations on conditional use permits; eliminating the requirements for a special permit for residential treatment facilities; making other clarifying changes. (*Unanimously recommended approval.*)

Consideration of Revision to Washington County Policy and Procedures Manual / Family and Medical Leave:

Deputy Washington County Attorney Eric Clarke said that this revision represents a minor change for administrative purposes. Rather than the qualifying period beginning

arbitrarily on January 1 of a given year, the beginning date will be the date that a specific employee begins his or her leave.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Revision to Washington County Policy and Procedures Manual/Family and Medical Leave, as recommended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake and Gardner voting aye.

Request A Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

DENNIS DRAKE
ACTING CHAIRMAN